



**December 8, 2022**

**Decision of No Substantial New Information  
2023 Alaska Peninsula Areawide Lease Sale**

**Introduction**

Under 38.05.035(e), the director of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G) may hold an oil and gas areawide lease sale after a written finding that the interests of the state will be best served. A written best interest finding for areawide lease sales expires ten years after issuance. Under AS 38.05.035(e)(6)(F), a most recent areawide final best interest finding is subject to annual public Calls for New Information (CFNI) to facilitate that year's lease sale and, if the director determines that substantial new information has become available, the final best interest finding is supplemented with new information. The following table shows the decision history for the Alaska Peninsula areawide final best interest finding:

<b>Alaska Peninsula Areawide Oil and Gas Lease Sale Decisions</b>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Decision</i>
December 1, 2014	Final Finding of the Director
January 15, 2016	Decision of No Substantial New Information
January 26, 2017	Decision of No Substantial New Information
November 30, 2017	Decision of No Substantial New Information
November 28, 2018	Decision of No Substantial New Information
November 19, 2019	Decision of No Substantial New Information
November 12, 2020	Decision of No Substantial New Information
November 30, 2021	Decision of No Substantial New Information

On October 25, 2022, DO&G issued a CFNI regarding the 2023 Alaska Peninsula areawide oil and gas lease sale. The CFNI requested interested parties to submit to DO&G substantial new information that has become available over the past year to supplement the most recent final findings for the area. The submission period ended on November 28, 2022.

As stated in the CFNI, DO&G generally considers substantial new information to include published research, studies, or data directly relevant to the matters listed in AS 38.05.035(g) with respect to the lands covered in the final findings and that have become publicly available over the past year.

Matters listed in AS 38.05.035(g) include:

- property descriptions and locations;
- petroleum potential of the sale area, in general terms;
- fish and wildlife species and their habitats in the area;
- current and projected uses in the area, including uses and value of fish and wildlife;
- governmental powers to regulate the exploration, development, production, and transportation of oil and gas or of gas only;
- reasonably foreseeable cumulative effects of exploration, development, production, and transportation for oil and gas or for gas only on the sale area, including effects on subsistence uses, fish and wildlife habitat and populations and their uses, and historic and cultural resources;
- lease stipulations and mitigation measures, including any measures to prevent and mitigate releases of oil and hazardous substances, to be included in the leases, and the protections offered by these measures;
- method or methods most likely to be used to transport oil or gas from the lease sale area, and the advantages, disadvantages, and relative risks of each;
- reasonably foreseeable fiscal effects of the lease sale and the subsequent activity on the state and affected municipalities and communities, including the explicit and implicit subsidies associated with the lease sale, if any;
- reasonably foreseeable effects of exploration, development, production, and transportation involving oil and gas or gas only on municipalities and communities within or adjacent to the lease sale area;
- the bidding method or methods adopted by the commissioner under AS 38.05.180.

In response to the CFNI, DO&G did not receive any timely comments.

### **Decision**

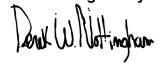
The director finds that no substantial new information was received in response to the CFNI that would justify a supplement to the 2014 Alaska Peninsula Areawide, and therefore a supplement to the 2014 Alaska Peninsula Areawide is not required.

### **Appeals**

An eligible person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of “issuance” of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040(c) and (d), and may be mailed or delivered to Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501;

faxed to 1-907-269-8918; or sent by electronic mail to [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov). This decision takes effect immediately. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

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Derek W. Nottingham  
Director, Division of Oil and Gas